

POETRY.

From the Atlantic Monthly.

'BRINGING OUR SHEAVES WITH US.'
The time for toil is past, and night has come—
The last and saddest of the harvest-eyes;
Worn out with labor long and wearisome,
Drooping and faint, the reapers hasten home,
Each laden with his sheaves.

Last of the laborers, thy feet I gain,
Lord of the harvest, and my spirit grieves
That I am burdened not so much with grain
As with a heaviness of heart and brain;
Master, behold my sheaves!

Few, light, and worthless—yet their trifling weight
Through all my frame a weary aching leaves;
For long I struggled with my hapless fate,
And staid and staid till it was dark and late,
—Yet these are all my sheaves.

Full well I know I have more tears than wheat—
Brambles and flowers, dry stalks, and withered
leaves.

Wherefore I blush and weep, as at thy feet
I kneel down reverently, and repeat
—Master, behold my sheaves!

I know these blossoms, clustering heavily
With evening dew upon their folded leaves,
Can claim no value nor utility—
Therefore shall fragrant and beauty be
The glory of my sheaves.

So do I gather strength and hope anew:
For well I know thy patient love perceives
Not what I did, but what I strive to do—
And though the full ripe ears be sadly few,
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From the Worcester Spy.

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Tolling bells make mournful wail,
Heart is sick and cheek is pale;
Truth and justice seem to fail!

'Miserere, Domine!'
Lord, our only prayer shall be,
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Thick the air with death and sin!
Days of wrath are ushered in!
Doom and judgment now begin!

'Miserere, Domine!'
Thou our Rock, our Refuge be,
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Heroes' blood against us cries;
On our souls the dark stain lies;
Our hands bound the sacrifice.

'Miserere, Domine!'
From our evil set us free!
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One man for the people dies,
Seeing, with prophetic eyes,
Only thus Thy Truth can rise.

'Miserere, Domine!'
Help us, Lord, that truth to see;
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We must reap as we have sown!
Thoughtless, heartless, faithless grown;
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steel, so the heated air of our modern houses has
taken the temper out of women, and they are ashamed
to see one of their number attempt to speak an ear-
nest word. Jesus forgot himself in the truth, which
he taught; let woman also rise above self, in disinter-
ested, faithful effort to elevate humanity.

Mrs. H. M. TRACY CUTLER, of Illinois, followed.
The right of suffrage is the stumbling-block. The
education of woman granted, it is found to be econo-
mical. The blessings of education are returned
four-fold through her children to society. Her ad-
vance in the medical profession has been rapid. It
is admitted that the sacred desk is not profaned by
woman. The best men acknowledge that women
would place power in the hands of a man who would
permit or assist in the degradation of her husband or
sons? So far as her labors are for others, they are
now approved. Then by what law of justice could she
be prevented from advancing her own interests—
from protecting herself? The power of self-protection
must be secured by the ballot-box.

Mrs. FRANCES D. GAGE, of St. Louis, considered
the 8th and 9th resolutions. All are made responsible
under this federal government, either by the tariff
or by direct taxation. Woman's money is used to
sustain a government in which she can have no
voice. There is no way in which to even protest
against such enactments as the recent decree of the
Missouri Legislature, (voted by the Governor), that
all free colored people should leave the State. There
are many women in St. Louis who have labored for
years to obtain their freedom, and they must look
not to themselves, but to man, for security. Slave-
holders say that the women of the South rejoice in
this movement, because they see in it a power which
will help to overthrow slavery.

WENDELL PHILLIPS said, no question is more im-
portant. During the last ten years, there has been
an entire change in the property laws of some States.
The question of the equality of the sexes does not

refer to the ultimate claim before American law. Have
seen evidence of logical discipline in the arguments
of women quite equal to those found in any legisla-
tive body. It was once believed that a man could sell
his wife, and it has taken three hundred years to ac-
knowledge that woman has a soul. America has
gone ahead of Europe, but we must ask for one step
more—the use of the ballot-box. Our fathers did
not think it necessary to prove the usefulness of de-
manded rights, and no one has a right to ask this
proof of woman. The right of property is sacred,
and she must have power to maintain it. Women are
hung, although the fundamental principle of this govern-
ment is, that no native is bound by law unless he
has assented to it. You say she has authorized her
husband to assent for her. You must prove it. There
is an 'irrepressible conflict' between Jewish and
American law. In the old civilization, the husband
was punished for the misdemeanors of his wife. Now
he consents for her, but does not suffer for her. If
women know right from wrong, they know enough to
vote. Society rests on two bases—property and civil
rights. Who makes the money? The husband lays
up that which would have been the wages of the
wife, had she labored in the relation of house-keeper.
Law says that he may dispose of it as he will. The
wife should have the same right over it.

After further remarks by Mr. Phillips, the Con-
vention adjourned to half-past 7 o'clock in the evening.

Evening